

## 8 Day Delta & Vic Falls

The 8 day Delta & Falls Safari is the perfect way to travel from Windhoek to visit two of the world's natural wonders, the Okavango Delta in Botswana and the mighty Victoria Falls in Livingstone, Zambia. This trip stands alone, but it is also designed to be completed in combination with most of our other scheduled itineraries. You will spend two nights beside a pristine lagoon in the Delta and then travel back into Namibia to traverse, over two nights the little visited Caprivi Region. Back into Botswana to Kasane for a boat cruise into the Chobe National Park and then on to Livingstone and "The Smoke That Thunders", the awesome Victoria Falls.

**It is also possible to remain with your guide for the 2 day return to Windhoek at the end of the trip, making the itinerary 10 days in total. (N\$: 1 000:00 per person additional cost for the return).**

- Departs: Every Friday of the year with collection time from within the city limits between 07.30 & 08.00
- Drop off in Livingstone on a Friday with return to Windhoek on Sunday around 16.00
- Minimum number of people: Two
- Maximum number of people: Fourteen
- Single supplement: none
- The style is limited participation, assisted camping with the participation limited to only helping with the tents. The price is virtually fully inclusive of everything you will need whilst travelling with us.
- The following vehicle types may be used on safari:
  - 2 – 3 guests 4x4 double cabin vehicle
  - 4 – 5 guests Toyota Quantum / Hi-Ace with purpose built trailer
  - 6 – 14 guests Toyota Dyna truck – modified Safari Vehicle

### Combination

This safari can also be combined with most of our other scheduled safaris to make a combination trip that covers all of the main highlights of this region of Southern Africa.

### Yellow fever vaccination recommendation!

**All clients travelling to or from Zambia/South Africa (This will affect guests departing Livingstone to Johannesburg)**

**implementation date : due end of June 2011.**

The WHO has revised the Yellow Fever (YF) vaccination recommendations for Africa. However, the South African Department of Health has issued the following information regarding the requirements for travellers from and to South Africa:

Zambia: Returning travellers from South Africa to Zambia and travellers from Zambia to South Africa will now require proof of YF vaccination. Previously, proof of YF vaccination was not required.

In-transit passengers, irrespective of the time period in-transit, will still require proof of YF vaccination.

### Safari Tour Overview

Day	Destinations	Accommodation	Meals
Fri	Ghanzi, Botswana	Camping	L, D
Sat	Okavango Delta, Botswana	Camping	B, L, D
Sun	Okavango Delta, Botswana	Camping	B, L, D

Mon	Mahango Reserve, Namibia	Camping	B, L, D
Tue	Kasane, Botswana	Camping	B, L, D
Wed	Kasane, Botswana	Camping	B, L, D
Thur	Livingstone, Zambia	Camping	B, L
Fri	Depart or Livingstone, Zambia	Camping	B
Sat	Rundu, Namibia	Camping	B, L, D
Sun	Windhoek, Namibia	Camping	B, L

*B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner*

## **Safari Tour Details**

### **Friday**

Windhoek – Ghanzi (600km) (LD) (Camping)

A long drive today, making use of the Trans Kalahari Highway, a relatively new road that provides an invaluable communication link between Namibia, Botswana and South Africa.

The road takes us first to the small town of Gobabis, one of the main livestock farming centres of Namibia, and then on to the border with Botswana.

After completing the immigration formalities we continue, through rural Botswana to the town of Ghanzi, located in the centre of cattle farming Botswana. Ghanzi is located almost in the middle of the Kalahari Desert and was almost unknown before the Trans Kalahari Highway.

### **Saturday**

Ghanzi – Okavango Delta (450km) (BLD) (Camping)

An early start and a quick stop in Ghanzi to collect any last minute supplies before continuing west, traversing the linear dunes of the Kalahari and passing through small towns along the way.

A change in vegetation heralds our arrival on the very western edge of one of the natural wonders of the world, the Okavango Delta. Here we turn north for some way before again pointing our wheels west as we enter the Delta proper. We see our first glimpse of the crystal waters through the lush vegetation and we make our camp on the banks of a pristine African lagoon.

### **Sunday**

Okavango Delta – Guma Lagoon (BLD) (Camping)

We are in the territory of the River People, so this morning we leave our vehicle behind and travel in a more appropriate fashion, first by motor-boat and then by traditional mokoro (dugout canoe), deep into the Delta.

Mokoro's will be our main form of transport for the next two days. These amazing traditional craft are perfectly designed for the narrow waterways of the Okavango and allow us to travel further into the Delta than if we were using more modern forms of transport. Mokoros carry three people, two seated passengers and one driver. The driver stands in the rear of the canoe, (a real feat of balance), and uses a long wooden pole to propel and steer the mokoro through the twisting channels. It really is the only way to travel.

Back to camp in the late afternoon for another night by the Okavango waters.

### **Monday**

Okavango Delta – Rainbow Camp (350km) (BLD) (Camping)

Back on the road today, destination Namibia. Passport formalities completed we go directly into the Mahango Game Reserve, a small but excellent park right on the edge of the

Okavango River. We game drive our way through Mahango and have the chance to spot rarely seen Namibian species such as roan the majestic sable antelope.

Our camp for tonight is just outside the Game Reserve, and we are again beside the Okavango, but this time the main river, on its journey from the Angolan highlands, through the pan handle to waters end, the delta.

### **Tuesday**

Rainbow Camp to Kasane (500km) (BLD) (Camping)

The Caprivi Strip is a long narrow stretch of territory running along Botswana's northern border. It is a landscape of broadleaf forest with many small communities dotted along our route.

We near the end of our long transit of the Caprivi region, arriving in Namibia's easternmost town, Katima Mulilo. A short break here before crossing back across the border into Botswana. The road takes us directly into the world famous Chobe National Park. Chobe has the world's largest population of African Elephants and the chances of seeing some big game are very good as we transit through the park to the small town of Kasane. We make camp in the grounds of a local lodge, right on the banks for the Chobe River.

### **Wednesday**

Kasane (Game Drive and Boat Cruise) (BLD) (Camping)

After breakfast we head off on a leisurely game drive, exploring the wonders of the Chobe National Park by road. Game drives within the park offer the opportunity to view abundant elephant and other big game species up close, and there is also the possibility of an encounter with one of the large predators.

Time to relax in the afternoon before joining a river boat cruise, back into the park. From the boat we will have the chance to see a huge amount of wild game, both on the river banks and in the waters swirling around us.

Crocodiles and hippos abound in the forbidding Chobe River and on the land side there is often a kaleidoscope of different antelope and species such as elephant, buffalo and even the Big Cats come to the river banks for their sundowner drink. The Chobe River provides a very broad habitat for bird life and it is possible to see many beautiful species of our feathered friends.

### **Thursday**

Kasane – Livingstone (100km) (BL) (Camping)

Another border crossing today, we drive out of Kasane to Kazangula ferry depot and complete our Botswanan exit formalities. We cross the Chobe on the local ferry boat, enter Zambia and from here it is a short drive to the town of Livingstone. Named after the famous British missionary and explorer Dr. David Livingstone, the town is a bustling African centre. We make our camp on the banks of the Zambezi River and have time to explore the town and to visit the might Victoria Falls.

The views of the waterfall from the Zambian bank are fantastic, there are many small paths and lookout points to explore.

This afternoon your guide will help you organise the many optional activities available in Livingstone. These include white water rafting, bungi jumping, other excursions on the river and scenic flights to mention but a few.

Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant at the client's own expense.

NB: All extra activities are subject to availability and are done at the clients own risk and expense.

### **Friday**

Livingstone – Safari Ends (B)

After breakfast the safari is finished. Your guide will be able to offer advice on other travel plans you have in this region. We pack up our campsite.

For clients transferring back to Windhoek tomorrow this is a free day for you to explore the area or to take part in optional activities. Lunch and dinner are not included in the price of the trip. Your guide will arrange a time to collect you for the return journey in the morning.

### **Saturday**

Livingstone - Rundu (700km) (BLD) (Camping)

An early start and a long drive. We are in transit only and will not be stopping to take in the sights along the way. We will traverse the Caprivi Strip and will spend the night near the small town of Rundu in northern Namibia.

We camp in the grounds of a lodge on the banks for the Okavango River, looking into Angola on the far river bank.

Dinner tonight will be in the restaurant at the lodge and is included in the price.

### **Sunday**

Rundu – Windhoek (800km) (BL)

Another early start and another long drive. We head south through Kavango Province, down through the towns of Grootfontien, Otjiwarongo and Okahandja before reaching our final destination, Windhoek.

There will be stops at some of the local woodcarving stalls as well as the market at Okahandja before arriving in the city.